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FCC TO HOST UNIVERSAL SERVICE WEBINAR FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs today announced a webinar to provide an overview of the Commission's Universal Service programs. This free, one-hour webinar is particularly tailored to the needs and interests of state and local government offices, agencies, and public officials and will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

The federal Universal Service Fund is comprised of four programs designed to ensure access to affordable communications services for schools, libraries, health care providers, and rural and low-income consumers.

This webinar will introduce participants to each of the components of the Federal Universal Service Fund: Connect America (or High Cost); E-Rate (Schools and Libraries); Rural Health Care; and Lifeline (Low-Income). The webinar will also explain how the programs are funded and how the funds are distributed, and will include an opportunity to pose questions about the Universal Service Fund to Commission staff.

- Title: Introduction to the Federal Universal Service Programs
- Date and Time: January 24, 2-3 p.m. EST
- Presenter: Jonathan Lechter, Special Counsel, Wireline Communications Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division.

The webinar will be available via WebEx. To register, go to https://fccevents.webex.com/fccevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=eeac4db7c9121d471e8cf62bbeb4 1ce68. On the event information page click on the registration link, provide the required information, and then click on "Submit" to complete your registration. Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the event, the password, and the link for the meeting.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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